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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 31, 2008 OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a July 31, 2008 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 31, 2008 Office Action was originally due October 31, 2008. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. The fee for a three-month extension of time is U.S. FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a three-month extension of time a response is now due January 31, 2008. However, since January 31, 2009 falls on a Saturday, a response filed the next business day, i.e. Monday, February 2, 2009, will be considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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